## **PATENT**

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Xiaonan Ma, et al. : Group Art Unit: 2113

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RELIABLY STORING DATA AND PROVIDING

EFFICIENT INCREMENTAL BACKUP AND ASYNCHRONOUS MIRRORING BY

PREFERENTIALLY HANDLING NEW DATA

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